



The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in IT is intended as an Applied General qualification and it is equivalent in size to one A Level. It is designed for learners who are interested in an introduction to the study of creating IT systems to manage and share information alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in IT.

The qualification, when studied with other Level 3 qualifications, is aimed at progression to University but also enables learners to develop knowledge and skills needed for entry-level roles related to IT, including vocational apprenticeship roles and trainee/entry-level roles such as a social media specialist, web/content developer, or business analyst.

What is the course about?

Students will develop a common core of IT knowledge and study areas such as the relationship between hardware and software that form an IT system, managing and processing data to support business and using IT to communicate and share information.

The Level 3 course is designed to give learners practice in developing employability skills such as cognitive and problem-solving skills, intrapersonal skills and interpersonal skills.

How will I be assessed and what will I be studying?

The BTEC L3 is made up of 4 units and consists of 360 GLH. Two of the units are externally assessed. Unit 1: Information Technology Systems is a 2 hours written examination set and marked by the exam board and Unit 2: Creating Systems to Manage Information is a computer based task set by the exam board and completed by students under supervised conditions. Unit 3: Using Social Media in Business is a mandatory internally assessed unit. Finally, Unit 6: Website Development unit is an internally assessed unit that provides students with knowledge understanding and skills for degree courses such as reading technical texts, effecting writing, analytical skills, creative development and preparation for assessment methods used in degrees.

Useful websites/further reading

Edexcel website for BTEC National Level 3  
**Revise BTEC National IT Revision Guide and Workbook by Pearson**

[www.teach-ict.com](http://www.teach-ict.com)

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in IT Specifications

